

California Water Plan Plenary – Finance Panel Questions

Panel Topic: Future Role of State Government in Integrated Water Management (IWM)
Objective: Begin scoping the State Government’s future role in IWM

Panelists	Patterned Questions
<p>Grace Chan, Manager, Resource Planning & Development, Metropolitan Water District</p> <p>Grant Davis, General Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency</p> <p>John Kingsbury, Executive Director, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association</p> <p>Liz Haven, State Water Resources Control Board</p> <p>John Lowrie, Deputy Director, CA Department of Conservation</p> <p>Kim Wilhelm, CA Department of Public Health</p> <p>Jim Branham, Executive Director, Sierra Nevada Conservancy</p>	<p>Question 1 – Update 2009 recommended that the State government be involved in supporting integrated water management (IWM) activities that: (1) regions cannot accomplish on their own, (2) the State can do more efficiently, (3) involve interregional or interstate issues, or (4) have broad public benefits. More specific criteria must be developed in order to create more actionable decision-support and to help identify investment priorities. Looking ahead to Update 2013, what should we add, subtract or change to clarify and develop the recommendations so they are more implementable and provide better decision support?</p> <p>To help construct your responses, below are several categories of IWM activities that the Update 2013 Finance Caucus identified as useful for formulating State policy recommendations while providing enough specificity to categorize more specific actions; such as regional or State government IWM projects.</p> <p>Innovation and administrative activities: Governance of State investments; Planning and public process improvements; Information technology/data and tools; Water technology research and development</p> <p>Infrastructure (natural and human) - Implemented at various geographical and jurisdictional scales: Groundwater basin; Watershed; Regional; Interregional; Statewide, Interstate; International; Tribal</p> <p>Question 2 – Many local and regional entities may have the capacity to apply for and receive grants but do not have the capacity to follow through to implementation, operation and maintenance. This circumstance is an impediment to effective State incentives and to leveraging of State and local funding. What should the State government’s role be with respect to the local and regional technical, managerial and finance (TMF) capacity-building required to implement, operate and maintain an activity through its functional life?</p>